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In re application of: Nicholas A. KOTOV  
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USING A LAYER-BY-LAYER PROCESS  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Timing of Statement (with any required certifications);
2. Preliminary Statements;
3. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B;
4. Comments on References; and
5. Identification of Person Making This Information Disclosure Statement

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**Section 1. Timing of Statement (with any required certifications)**

The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

**Section 2. Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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**Section 3. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B**

Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B as filed herewith are together two pages in length. A legible copy of each reference cited is filed herewith in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a).

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**Section 4. Comments on References**

The references disclosed in this information disclosure statement came to the attention of the practitioner upon receipt of the International Search Report prepared by the ISA/EP in connection with corresponding International Application No. PCT/US01/09833. Such search report is cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08B and a copy of the same is filed herewith.

The reference to WO 00/44507 which is cited in the International Search Report submitted herewith, was previously cited in connection with this pending U.S. patent application.

**Section 5. Identification of Person Making This Information Disclosure Statement**

The person making this certification is the Attorney of Record for Applicant who signs below on the basis of the information in the practitioner's file.

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